

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Review of the Section 251 Unbundling	)	
Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange	)	CC Docket No. 01-338
Carriers	)	
	)	
Implementation of the Local Competition	)	
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act	)	CC Docket No. 96-98
Of 1996	)	
	)	
Deployment of Wireline Services Offering	)	CC Docket No. 98-147
Advanced Telecommunications Capability	)	

**Request for Extension of Comment Period**

SBC Communications Inc. (SBC), Qwest Communications, Inc. (Qwest) and BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) respectfully request a two-week extension of the deadline for filing comments in the above-referenced proceeding (*i.e.*, until April 1, 2002), as well as a corresponding two-week extension to the deadline for filing reply comments (*i.e.*, until May 14, 2002). In its notice of proposed rulemaking, the Commission strongly encouraged parties to submit evidence regarding “actual marketplace conditions,” and, in particular, data regarding what alternatives to the incumbents’ networks are available and where.<sup>1</sup> Responding to this request requires the

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<sup>1</sup> *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket Nos. 01-339, 96-98, 98-147, FCC 01-361 at para. 17 (rel. Dec. 20, 2001).

collection and collation of massive amounts of data from a broad range of internal and external sources. Although SBC, Qwest and BellSouth have worked diligently to compile such evidence since the notice was issued, an additional two weeks would better enable them to provide the type of detailed, marketplace analysis requested by the Commission. SBC, Qwest and BellSouth therefore request a brief, two-week extension to the comment period, and a corresponding two-week extension to the reply comment deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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